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## **Istook Refuses to Surrender Scout's Honor for Gay Rights Agenda**

*Washington, D.C.* -- Congressman Ernest Istook, R-OK, along with nine other Congressmen filed a "friend of the court" brief asking the New Jersey Supreme Court to allow the Boy Scouts of America to set their own standards regarding homosexuals in Scouting.

A lower New Jersey court ruled that homosexuals must be permitted to lead Scout troops, because of New Jersey law banning discrimination against homosexuals. They held the Boy Scouts were wrong to expel an openly homosexual assistant Scoutmaster.

**"The Boy Scouts of America and all of us have a right to believe in traditional morality. It is wrong for government to say that all groups must endorse and embrace homosexuality,"** said Istook.

**"One of Scouting's methods is to provide sound role models for young men. Most parents don't believe homosexuality is the best role model for their sons. Those who believe otherwise are free to establish their own groups and should stop trying to force their beliefs upon the Boy Scouts."**